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JCS Chairman Points Out Problems in RVN's Progress

Americans have been counseled to be patient with slow nation-building processes in emerging nations like South Vietnam by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Earle G. Wheeler.

Addressing the American Legion Convention in Washington, the general pointed out that "it was a slow, painful process here, also, despite the advantages possessed by the colonies."

He said that South Vietnam—a country which has hardly yet begun to be a homogeneous nation in modern terms — faces greater handicaps than the young American republic.

"Consider the environment outside of South Vietnam, with the North Vietnamese daily pouring into South Vietnam their troops and the Chinese and the rest of the Communist nations daily pouring in their terrorism, their violent propaganda based on their distorted views of modern man and the modern world.

"Not only are the people of every Communist nation effectively prevented from learning the truth about the world, but their leaders are themselves distorted by lifetimes spent within their self-imposed isolation from the real world," Gen. Wheeler elaborated.

He said it is within this war-intensified confusion that the South Vietnamese are trying desperately to construct the basis for an independent nation with a political structure, a viable economy and the other essential elements of an independent country.

"How long will it take in Vietnam? Clearly, it will take years. How many, we cannot tell."

Gen. Wheeler noted, however, there are hopeful examples of Asian progress achieved within only 10 or 15 years, such as in South Korea and Malaysia.

U.S. EUCOM Headquarters to Relocate

United States European Command Headquarters at Camp des Loges, France, is being relocated to Stuttgart, Germany, as a second major step in the Defense Department's program to rearrange and streamline the U.S. military command structure in Europe.

The move is a result of the necessity to relocate U.S. military forces from France, according to a DOD announcement.

It is planned that EUCOM Hq will be operational in Stuttgart by March 31, 1967.

SWEARING IN—John T. McNaughton, Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), (left), administers the oath as Townsend Hoopes is sworn in as principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

DOD Public Affairs Chief Tells of RVN War Coverage

"The war in Vietnam is the most intensely covered conflict in history," Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Arthur Sylvester told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Aug. 31.

The Pentagon Public Affairs chief testified that the U.S. Military Assistance Command in Vietnam (MACV) was providing around-the-clock assistance to 419 news media representatives from 22 different nations as of late August.

"In addition to coverage of military actions, these newsmen are also reporting to readers and viewers around the world on the political, economic, and psychological aspects of this struggle against Communist aggression," he said.

He pointed out that in 1964 there were only 40 newsmen, including foreign journalists, in Vietnam.

Citing a long list of statistics Mr. Sylvester said, in part, that MACV had given some 6,900 briefings since October of last year, and that it had answered more than 32,000 telephone queries from newsmen.

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DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL presented by Defense Secretary McNamara at Aug. 31 Pentagon ceremonies to Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Adam Yarmolinsky who has left public service for a new position with the Harvard Law School.

PORTRAIT OF TODAY'S RECRUIT has been drawn as possessing much the same talents and motivations of their fathers. Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Earle G. Wheeler said man entering Armed Forces now comes from a physically softer background, but tends to be better educated than his father. He was also characterized as "well-informed," both trusting and skeptical, and tolerant of foreign people. "Above all, he is a confident fighter" in his cause and in nation that supports him.

OPERATION SHOP EARLY has been launched by American Red Cross chapters to make Christmas holiday season brighter for U.S. servicemen in South Vietnam. ARC is developing tropical ditty bag for use in a hot, humid climate. Bags will be filled with personal items ranging from ball point pens to foot powder and books and tapes for recording personal messages home. ARC is urging all chapters and participating organizations to mail their bags before mid-October.

INAUGURAL C-141 aeromedical evacuation flight using new route from Vietnam to Andrews AFB, via Yakota AB, Japan and Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, was completed in early August. New route reduces total patient travel time from Vietnam to destination hospitals east of Mississippi by 1-3 days.

LATEST DOD CASUALTY report shows total of 4,919 U.S. military personnel have died as result of hostile actions in Vietnam from Jan. 1, 1961, through Aug. 27, 1966. Non-hostile actions claimed lives of 1,044.

NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR (Scientific), Defense Atomic Support Agency is Dr. N. Frederick Wikner. He succeeded Dr. Theodore B. Taylor who held the position since October 1964. Dr. Taylor resigned Aug. 31 and received the DOD Meritorious Civilian Service Medal from Dr. John S. Foster Jr., director of Defense Research and Engineering.

BALLOON RECORD CLAIMED by Army for weather balloons following recent flight of meteorological balloon nearly 30 miles high—156,000 feet—off Atlantic coast near Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Launched by Army Electronics Command, balloon is new type, balloon within balloon, with outer balloon giving quick rise to 50,000 feet before bursting and allowing streamlined inner balloon to go rest of way. Purpose of balloons is to gain readings on atmospheric pressure and measurements of temperature and humidity.

NEW OCEANOGRAPHY OFFICE has been established under RAdm. Odale D. Waters, Jr., currently Oceanographer of the Navy. The Admiral will act as Naval Oceanographic Program Director on Staff of Chief of Naval Operations under general policy directed by Navy Secretary Paul H. Nitze. He will exercise centralized authority, including control of resources, to insure an integrated and effective program.

MARS BY PARACHUTE is under investigation by NASA for landing instrument capsules on Mars. Contract already has been let with Martin Co., Denver Division, to build 11 experimental spacecraft equipped with parachute payloads. Four are designed to be launched by high altitude balloons, while the other seven will be carried aloft by Honest John-Nike rockets.

VIETNAM VETERANS ARE ELIGIBLE for American Legion membership, according to bill Congress passed Aug. 31 and President Johnson signed Sept. 1, amending organization's charter. Change came during Legion's national convention in Washington.

AIR FORCE AND SMITHSONIAN Institution officials visited Wright-Patterson AFB, Aug. 25, for briefing on new AF Museum to be built one-half mile from birth place of the Wright Brothers at Dayton, Ohio. Proposed new museum will cost ten million dollars and will offer more adequate facilities for preservation of educational and historical items depicting man's entire history in concept of flight.

NEW NAVY DOCUMENTARY half-hour color sound film, "Mission Oceanography," is being made available through Public Affairs Officers of Naval Districts. Produced by Naval Oceanographic Office, film tells of discoveries and research by ocean scientists of early 1800's, Navy's involvement with seas and oceanography, and important contributions of oceanography and hydrography to economic progress of the country.

AIR FORCE COMMANDERS instructed in recent Aug. 12 changes to AFR 30-6A to inform newly assigned individuals in writing prior to his reporting date, if possible, whether family quarters are available for immediate occupancy. Idea is "to preclude hardship cases." Recipients are enjoined to acknowledge notification in writing. These "reg" changes also involve exchange of housing lists with other services and government agencies.

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Background for Commanders

ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS: THE ROAD AHEAD*

The aim of the Alliance for Progress is to build new societies. Its method is to build democratically through a partnership of all.

We have only begun to meet the needs of today, and these are but a fraction of those of tomorrow.

If present trends continue, the population of the hemisphere will be almost one billion by the year 2000. Two-thirds—some 625 million—will live in Latin America. Whatever may be done through programs to reduce the rate of population growth, Latin America faces a vast challenge.

- Farm production should increase by 6 percent every year, and that will be double the present rate.
- At least 140 million new jobs should be created.
- Over a million new homes should be built every year.
- More than 175,000 new doctors should be trained to meet only minimum requirements.
- Hundreds of thousands of new classrooms should be constructed.
- And annual per capita growth rates should increase to the range of 4 to 6 percent.

These requirements, added to the demands of the present, mean that the Alliance must set new sights, that new directions and renewed drive must be found if we are to meet the challenge, if we are to move forward.

Economic Integration

In a few months the Presidents of the American Republics will meet to establish priorities for the years ahead of us. Some of the areas of special concern are now emerging. First among these is the economic integration of Latin America.

The question is whether progress lies ahead in unity or in isolation. Our sister republics in Latin America must decide that question for themselves. We deeply believe that effective unity and not separation is vital to the needs of expanding populations.

We are ready, therefore, to work in close cooperation toward an integrated Latin America.

Toward Economic Unity and Growth

We must first concentrate on those assets within our reach that are not being used to full advantage.

- There are lands lying fallow or failing to yield their potential because of inadequate techniques or too little fertilizer or not enough equipment.
- There are factories standing idle or operating at reduced capacity because production is inefficient. The national market may be too small, or the purchasing power too low.
- There are human resources unused because of the shortage of jobs or the absence of skills.
- We must prepare to conquer the inner [geographic] frontiers which can provide living room and resources for generations that are yet to come.
- Education is primarily a national task to be done with local resources. But there are endeavors where the Alliance must help: school construction, teacher training, and improved administration. The challenge of vocational and modern higher education is wide open—for management, technical and administrative skills in government and in private business.

Let us adapt the modern miracles of science, radio and television and audio-visual techniques to the needs of our children and, indeed, to the needs of our adults.

The time has also come to develop multinational institutions for advanced training in science and technology.

- There is also the frontier of agriculture. Half of the people live in rural Latin America and receive less than a quarter of the national income.

There is no reason why the land of the hemisphere cannot be made to fill the needs of our homes and our factories. There is no reason why rural population should not be full partners in modern economic life. There is no reason why the Americas cannot supply a larger share of the growing world market for food and fiber.

Military Budgets

The resources required for these tasks must not be needlessly spent on arms. Military budgets in Latin America are not exceptionally large by the general world standards, but there is a recurrent tendency to seek expensive weapons with little relevance to the real requirements of security. This tendency is often reinforced by competition with neighboring countries.

In these Americas, where by solemn treaty and by established practice our governments are bound to resolve disputes by peaceful means, we must find a way to avoid the cost of procuring and maintaining unnecessary military equipment that will take clothes off the back and food away from the stomachs and education away from the minds of our children.

These are some of the basic tasks which lie before us as we try to fulfill the promise of the New World.

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* *Excerpts from remarks of President Johnson commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Alliance for Progress.*

Statistics Released on Military Air Travel During Airline Strike

A quarter-million military passengers traveled by commercial air during the recently-concluded seven-week strike which grounded five major domestic airlines.

An announcement by the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service said, "The striking machinists' union and the struck lines honored MTMTS' requests for chartered flights in order to avoid disruption of traffic essential to national defense."

Statistics compiled during the strike period indicate MTMTS arranged air travel for 108,547 group movement passengers. Reports show that of the total, special arrangements were required for 44,000 passengers who were moved on 474 charter flights by the struck airlines and 27 other charters on non-struck airlines.

During the strike period, MTMTS reported, "All group movement requirements were met without serious delays or problems."

Officials noted, "The impact of the strike on individual travel by servicemen was minimized through consolidation efforts by MTMTS in conjunction with local transportation officers of all Services."

Jet Engine Operating Time Up, Accidents Down in Navy

Improved maintenance procedures resulted in the Navy's extending maximum operating time of its jet aircraft engines by an overall average of seven percent last year.

At the same time, Navy said, "the reduction of 36 percent in the number of Navy aircraft accidents due to jet engine failure during the same period is directly related to the improved maintenance procedures."

Credit for the extension of operating time and reliability was due to efforts of the Naval Air Systems Command to improve management of the jet engine program at the three levels of maintenance, officials said.

PHANTOM PILOTS—Lt. Col. Morgan R. Beamer, USAF, (left), goes over the flight checklist for the RF-4C Phantom with 1st. Lt. Francis W. Porch, USAF. Col. Beamer is returning to Shaw AFB, S.C., after commanding the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron in Vietnam, during which tour he flew 106 combat reconnaissance missions, 40 of them over North Vietnam.

Widow Receives Awards Honoring Most Decorated Marine in Vietnam War

Posthumous awards honoring the Marine Corps' most decorated hero of the Vietnamese conflict were presented to his widow Sept. 1 by Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C.

Maj. Donald J. Reilly, helicopter pilot with Marine Observation Squadron 2, was mortally wounded trying to evacuate 11 injured Marines under intense enemy fire last December.

The presentation included the Navy Cross for conspicuous gallantry during the major's last evacuation attempt, the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with V, and 13 Air Medals.

Other awards earned by the Marine hero include the Purple Heart, Vietnamese National Order—Fifth Class, Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm and Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Silver Star.

Army Announces Changes In Officer Procurement

Army has announced two changes to officer procurement programs affecting reserve officers who are eligible to apply for active duty.

The most significant change is new age criteria for active duty. Second lieutenants may be accepted up to their 31st birthday, with first lieutenants eligible until their 35th. Captains are eligible until their 39th birthday and majors must not have reached their 41st.

This is a more liberal policy than the previous one based on maximum age and waivers for active commissioned service.

The other change concerns active duty warrant officers holding lieutenant or captain reserve commissions. Past restrictions regarding ability to qualify for retirement as commissioned officers have been removed.

This means warrant officers holding reserve commissions as captains or lieutenants will be considered for active duty as commissioned officers regardless of age or service.

Warrant officer records are being screened and selected individuals will receive a letter inviting them to apply for active duty. Initial tour is two years with further extension based on service needs and officer's performance.

Army Pacific Commander Honored Upon Retirement

Gen. John K. Waters received the Army's highest non-combat award, the Distinguished Service Medal (first oak leaf cluster), at an Aug. 31 retirement review at Ft. Myer, Va.

Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor presented the medal and read the citation which hailed the General for expanding the logistical system to Vietnam, "culminating his brilliant career as Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific."

During the Korean War, Gen. Waters was I Corps Chief of Staff. In post Korean years, he served in Europe as 4th Armored Div. CG and V Corps commander.

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